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PRESS RELEASE

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Active Case Count: The current case count is 19, several cases have been cleared by public health. Seven new cases since Friday, October 8. Two residents diagnosed in Petersburg and five Petersburg residents who tested positive while in another Alaskan community. Although Public Health has not completed contact tracing, there is concern for **significant** community spread, especially from inside gatherings where people have not been masking or observing distancing to avoid spread of COVID-19.

Asymptomatic Testing: PMC will provide free asymptomatic testing this week on the following days, 9:00 – Noon. Located at PMC, first floor, next to Public Health.

- Tuesday, October 12
- Thursday, October 14
- Friday, October 15

Travel Testing: Pre and post travel testing is available Monday- Saturday from 12:00pm-4:00pm in the Emergency Room entrance on 2nd Street. No appointment needed.

Symptomatic Testing: Persons with symptoms are urged to call the COVID information line at 907-772-5788 for an evaluation and to schedule a test.

While vaccination is the best way to prevent illness requiring hospitalization, early testing will prevent the spread to others who are vulnerable. Particularly very young children, and persons with compromised immune systems or other medical conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and obesity as these pose the greatest risk for serious illness, hospitalization, and death. Testing, masking, AND vaccination are encouraged to protect the health of everyone in our community.

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